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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 9 by replacing them with the like-numbered claim hereinbelow. Markups are provided at the end of this response showing the changes made by the amendment.

1. (Twice Amended) A smokers' article characterized in that it comprises a tobacco rod wrapped in a separate sleeve made of cigarette paper, a resilient and elongated mouthpiece which is connected to said rod and which is made of a pressed fibrous material and includes a filter member arranged on the tobacco rod side and made integral with a tubular portion of said mouthpiece.

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